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Moffat, Ont., Canada,
Feb. 14th, 1968.

Dear Sir;

I realize that our letters will probably get crossed, but I have gathered quite a bit of stuff for you. You will find enclosed some additions and revisions to my exhibit on vehicle research. I would like to thank you for some of these new leads. I am grateful for them.

Also find enclosed copies of two newspaper articles on Norman Similas. The first is a recently discovered article from the final edition of the Toronto Telegram of Sat. Nov. 23rd, 1963. I have had for quite some time the 2-star or first edition of the Telegram for the 23rd. As stated before it made no mention of Similas. However a friend found the final edition and gave it to me. I think you will find the article interesting. It reveals one important fact not brought to light before. In the second last paragraph Similas states that he saw a gunshot wound in the Presidents left temple! I have been trying to reach Similas to get confirmation of this fact, but his wife says he is out of town. If true it will support the same opinion as expressed by Dr. McClelland (17H12) and Father Huber who administered the last rights to Kennedy. I will continue to contact Similas about this and let you know what he says about it. The part about Kennedy's head being bathed in blood was repeated by Similas in the N.Y. Times for Nov. 23rd.

The second article is a copy of the one from the Telegram for Nov. 25th, 1963. This is the story that appeared after the Telegram had supposedly already had and lost the Similas negatives. You will notice that although they are supposed to already have these negatives there isn't even mention of the fact that Similas took pictures of the motorcade! The story is that which the man questioned Similas about on Sun. Nov. 24th, that is Jack Ruby and his visit to Ruby's club.

One last bit of info on Similas. On page 217 of PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH, at the bottom of the page, Similas states that "I received a call at the hotel from a Hamilton Radio Station CHML, I believe, and a taped interview was made by a chap named Johnson." I went to Hamilton on Feb. 5th and spent the afternoon at CHML. I also have heard the Similas interview. The man who interviewed Similas was a Don Johnston, News Director for CHML. Mr. Johnston was very nice as he is an extremely busy man. He let me go through their library until I found the interview. He also talked to me for about 30 mins. about Similas and the interview.

I took notes while we talked. Johnston stated that shortly after the shooting (70-45 mins.) their radio station was contacted by Similas's employer who informed them of what Norman had seen and left a Dallas phone number where they (CHML) could contact Similas. (Johnston is presently searching their records in an attempt to locate this number). Mr. Johnston said that he personally phoned and contacted Similas, and he is sure that it was a Dallas number as he had to go through an operator. Also you can hear the beeping of the phone at times on the taped interview. The interview ran for about 2 mins. plus. Johnston stated that there is no doubt in his mind that Similas was in Dallas and in Dealy Plaza. The call came too close after the shooting and Johnston stated that Similas was giving them detail that had not even come into the station over the wire service. Also Similas's tone of voice (excited, stammering etc.) adds to the credibility that Similas actually witnessed the shooting.

Johnston said that after the couple of months excitement after the shooting that Similas more or less dropped out of sight, and CHML was unable to contact him. Then one day (date unknown, but another fact which Johnston is trying to find out) Similas suddenly showed up at the studio unannounced. He, Similas, listened to the tape of the interview and obtained a copy of it. CHML also paid him \$25 for the interview.

I found the interview on a reel containing CHML's year end review of the major news events. It is only about 1 min. and 15 seconds long. It is, in essence, almost an exact duplicate of the newly found Telegram article. It begins with Similas describing the motorcade coming towards him, him hearing 3 shots, Kennedy falling towards him, the secret service man coming to the back of the limousine etc. I describe the interview this way because I cannot remember it all, but no need to worry as CHML is making me a copy of it. I will in turn make a copy of it for you if you wish. Also I have asked Mr. Johnston to prepare a written statement for me in which he will attempt to record everything he can remember about this event. Also he edited about 30 seconds of the interview out. He is trying to find it. If he cannot, he will try and put it down as best as he can remember. I hope to have more of this to report next time we exchange letters.

You will also find enclosed copies of 2 other newspaper clippings. They are the New York Times for Jan. 6th, 1968. This is the issue with the column about the Kennedy X-rays. The other is the article about the step up of arrests against those threatening the president.

I am sending you two newspaper clippings from the Toronto Daily Star. The Feb 3rd clipping is about Richard Giesbrecht the Canadian who overheard the Ferrie talk in the Winnipeg airport. Mr. Giesbrecht as you know, is going to testify for Garrison. The second clipping of a week later, is about a newly found Garrison suspect in Toronto. I think you will find it interesting.

I have more to say, but I will leave it for next time. If our letters do cross, I will write you first and set it straight again.

Respectfully,

